

MILLIONS OF DOLLARS RUSHED THRO CANADA

Stories of a secret transfer of millions of dollars of Russian gold from one ship to another in half a gale at sea off the Canadian Pacific coast and of a rush trip with the money across Canada in a heavily guarded special train, disguised as a silk express, were published in the Victoria Colonist recently as part of the hitherto untold history of the world war.

Two recent newspaper dispatches, seemingly unrelated, the Colonist said, recalled the "hitherto unpublished and romantic story" of the gold shipment. One dispatch from Europe said a Mr. Novitsky, former assistant to the minister of finance of the all-Russian government, had hinted at the huge amounts of gold shipped through Vancouver, B. C., during the war, including sixty million pounds from Vladivostok. The other dispatch said the Canadian cruiser Rainbow had been sold to a Seattle firm. The connection, the Colonist said, was in the fact the Rainbow transferred a big shipment of gold at sea from a Japanese warship and brought it into Vancouver.

Came in Several Shipments
Russia's gold, the story continued, came in several shipments, the first of which amounted to about \$45,000,000. It was in the form of bullion in boxes about fifteen inches long, and was loaded at Vladivostok early in 1916 for transfer to the Ottawa, Canada, mint. A big Japanese warship, with Novitsky in charge of the bullion, carried the money across the Pacific.

The treasure ship never touched a Canadian port, however, for, far out at sea, the Rainbow, in a near gale met the warship and the precious freight was transferred between the leave of the rollers. The warship turned back and the little cruiser steamed into Vancouver, arriving at the Canadian Pacific dock at 3 o'clock in a dark and wet morning.

Awaiting her were officials of the Dominion Express company, who had come out from Montreal in their private car. A picked crew put the money on a special train of five express cars, which had been switched into the Canadian Pacific dock. Each car was loaded with \$9,000,000 in gold.

Doors Guarded and Barred.
Every door was guarded and barred and the transcontinental trip started. A telephone system connected the whole train and whenever a sentinel wished to move from one car to another he did so on release from the official car. The doors were never opened when the train was at a standstill and no guard was permitted to show himself from the train windows while passing thru towns. At night the train ran in darkness and at each divisional point, when engines were changed, detectives guarded the platforms until the journey was resumed. As an additional precaution, the train was operated at irregular speeds on different legs of the trip.

Sleighs backed up to the train at Ottawa and the gold was unloaded and taken to the mint, under direction of Novitsky. The train was the first of several which passed through Vancouver during the war. In August, 1916, another train carried \$50,000,000 across Canada and in January, 1917, \$117,000,000 made the trip.

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PYTHIAN NEWS BULLETIN

A Continent-wide drive for membership which has for its aim to obtain 200,000 candidates in the next two years is the announcement of William Ladew, Supreme Chancellor of the Order Knights of Pythias. When this quota of new members has been obtained by the lodges in the United States and Canada the order will then have a total membership of 1,000,000 men. Under a plan outlined by the Supreme Lodge at its recent convention in Minneapolis, Minn., a survey will be made in every community in which a lodge is located and a systematic canvass instituted. The campaign includes an outline of the Uniform Rank to attract the younger men and to extend the benefits of the Insurance Department as a means of protection for a man with a dependent family.

The recent Supreme Lodge convention was one of the most constructive sessions in the history of the Order. William Ladew, New York, N. Y., was elected Supreme Chancellor and George C. Cabell, Norfolk, Va., Supreme Vice Chancellor. The election of William H. Loomis, Major General of the Uniform Rank, was ratified, and steps were taken to develop the military branch of the Order so that attraction might be offered the younger men of every community.

Among the constructive enactments of the Supreme Lodge are the abolishment of the semi-annual password and provisions for an annual password, abolishing the printed ritual and substituting a cipher ritual. Plans were formed to nationalize the Pythian Homes and place all homes for aged Pythians and orphans of members now owned by Grand Domains under control of the Supreme Body. Investigation was also ordered into the feasibility of publishing a national Pythian magazine. The convention also abolished the various forms of cards issued to the membership and provided that one form of card be issued.

The Supreme Lodge also authorized the return of the unexpended balance of the Pythian War Relief Fund to the Grand Domains making the subscriptions. Nearly a quarter of a million dollars left in this fund raised during the war will go back to the Grand Lodges to be used in furtherance of their plans of development.

Reports made at the convention showed that the Order had made a gain of 80,000 members during the last year, that the Pythian Sisters had a membership of over 300,000 and that the Military Department was making rapid progress among returned soldiers. The Knights of Khorassan, "the playground of the Order", showed a gain of nearly 100 per cent during the last year and now has over 75,000 adherents.

The Insurance Department made a gain of \$5,533,000 of insurance in force during the first eight months of this year and reported a total of \$106,000,000 of protection for dependents of members. Since organization the Department has paid nearly \$48,000,000 to widows and orphans of Pythians.

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE MINING CONGRESS

Denver, Colo., Oct. 30.—Interest among the mining men of the nation runs high regarding the plans for the first conference ever called to discuss the alleged oppressive practices of the great trust which claims to control every known method of ore recovery by what is known as "flotation." Nearly 1,500 mining companies either known as users of flotation, or who have tried to secure contracts with Minerals Separation, Ltd., have been invited to attend the conference called by The American Mining Congress in Denver during the week of Nov. 15. Hundreds of these companies are facing costly litigation and millions in alleged royalties and fines are involved in suits now pending. America's leading legal experts are fighting, for and against the big corporation which the Federal Trade Commission is now grilling, urged by The American Mining Congress which believes that the methods of the Trust should be changed, or the practices of the company looked into by Congressional inquiry.

The Denver conference is in charge of a special committee of mining operators composed of George E. Collins, governor of the Colorado Chapter of The Mining Congress; George M. Lambourn, governor of the Utah Chapter; Philip Argall of Denver, T. A. Rickard, publisher of the Mining & Scientific Press, of San Francisco; E. E. Paxton, president of the Engels Copper Company of California; J. W. Callow, of Salt Lake and R. M. Henderson, of Breckenridge, Colo.

The developments of the conference will mean much to the mining industry and the hundreds of operators who have been prevented from using flotation, or forced to accept alleged unreasonable contracts, and have long been "fighting mad."

Another conference to be held during the Mining Congress and which may bring some relief to an overburdened industry is a national tax committee representing The American Mining Congress and Robert S. Wilson, chief of the newly organized Tax Division of the Congress. The committee is headed by Paul Armitage, attorney, New York City; Dr. R. C. Allen, vice president of The Lake Superior Iron Ore Association, Cleveland, Ohio; Judge A. Scott Thompson, attorney, Miami, Okla.; George E. Holmes, national tax authority, New York City and A. P. Ramstedt of Wallace, Idaho, formerly member of the Revenue Bureau, Industrial division. A number of mining tax experts will address the Tax Conference but the meeting will be largely a "Round Table" affair and there will be frank and open discussion of the appalling demands upon mining men of the country through the present cumbersome tax law. A bill will be prepared looking to amendments of the present law during the next session of Congress.

Nearly 200 mining engineers and

manufacturers have already joined the committee which has called a national Standardization Conference during the Mining Congress week. Col. Warren R. Roberts of Chicago, who was in charge of the standardization of war material during the war and Charles A. Mitke, a well known Arizona mine manager, are chairmen, respectively of the coal and metal divisions. The sub-committees are in charge of noted engineers. All mine managers, mining engineers and manufacturers of mining equipment have been invited to attend what gives promise of being a very important meeting in behalf of saving the lives among miners and reduction of costs in mine operation, coal and metal.

Other conferences listed are on tariff for war minerals, labor conditions, education, coal and gold. Governors of several states, United States senators and congressmen are among the speakers already listed on the programs.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31—

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ALL STAR CAST

in

"RULING PASSIONS"

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"Snub" Pollard Comedy

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4—

CONSTANCE BINNEY

in

"39 EAST"

Also

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5—

TOM MIX

in

"THE DARE DEVIL"

Also

"HIDDEN DANGERS"

REGULAR PRICES

This is conceded to be a very good and interesting drama. Story of how a family was brought to realize that false pride is no help and that to regain lost fortunes someone in the household must work. A wholesome production, has its touches of comedy. Even in the midst of the most pathetic situations and is true to human life. Also Mutt & Jeff and Henry Ford's weekly.

A romantic and thrilling drama of a Mongolian revolution with Warner in the role of an American diplomat, loved by a revolutionary siren. An American secret service agent going into a nest of a revolutionary tong in the interior of Mongolia, becoming a "hatchman" and participating in the secret meeting of the wily Chinese. Also a good 2 part slapstick comedy by Al St. John.

Here we have a most unusual picture. A true version of Sir Ernest Shackleton's daring attempt to cross the South Pole. This epoch making production proves again that truth is stranger than fiction, thrilling scenes amongst the icebergs, seal hunting, the crushing of the "Endurance", the expedition's ship, which afterwards had to make its way through the ice country as best it could. Also a 2 part slapstick comedy and a Ray cartoon.

This is one of Jack Pickford's most amusing comedies. Story of an American boy, fearless, afflicted with a wisdom tooth worthy of a B. D. Degree in aching, in love with a beautiful girl, in league with the most notorious safe-cracker, in "Dutch" with his sweetheart at times, in trouble with the police, in debt for his automobile, but always in good with his audience. Also a 2 part Lion Comedy.

Here we have a special offering, which we bought at a figure enabling us to show it at the regular price. Story tells how a man, a wealthy broker, is ruled by the passions of hate and revenge, as a result of an act of a former friend, that he had assisted when he was stranded. A picture full of interest and appealing, with plenty of suspense. Also "Snub" Pollard and the little coon in a slapstick.

A comedy drama with many pleasing situations. This girl did not go wrong, she had some close calls, however, as any girl would who braved the big city of New York with only a lot of ambition and no money or friends, and a chorus girl too! She was different. When she got blue she would go to Central Park and dance the courage right back in her heart, and the picture is different. Also Prisma Natural Color.

From the first scene to the last in this unusual picture, Tom Mix is action personified. On horseback, with the revolver, the shotgun, the rope, his fists, on fast moving freight trains, on passenger trains, up hill, and down dale, in the depths of the forest or far out on the plains, Mix is working every minute. Some action. Also another character of that fascinating mystery serial.